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SUBJECT: B.R. SLOCUM QUALITY BIRD

REFERENCE: ACCRA 04369, 4452, 4572, STATE 168600

1. UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SHOWN REFTEL.
USFWS ADVISES POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IF GHANA LAW WAS
VIOLATED AS INDICATED REFTEL THEN PERSONS SUBJECT TO
U. S. JURISDICTION MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF U. S. LAW
(18 USC 43).

2. USFWS REQUESTS THAT AMEMBASSY CONTACT APPROPRIATE
GOG OFFICIAL AND INQUIRE IF EVIDENCE EXISTS WHICH
INDICATES THAT ANY U. S. RESIDENT OR CITIZEN WAS
KNOWINGLY INVOLVED IN VIOLATION OF GHANA LAW CONCERNING
SHIPMENT OF PARROTS PARA (1) REFTEL. IF APPROPRIATE
OFFICIAL INDICATES THAT U. S. RESIDENT OR CITIZEN
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KNOWINGLY PARTICIPATED IN VIOLATION OF GHANA LAW THEN

USFWS MOST WILLING TO ATTEMPT PROSECUTION UNDER U. S. LAW PROVIDED GOG FURNISHES AMEMBASSY WITH SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD BE ADMISSABLE IN U. S. COURTS.

3. TO BE ADMISSABLE IN U. S. COURTS SUCH EVIDENCE MUST BE IN THE FORM OF CERTIFIED STATEMENTS FROM APPROPRIATE GHANA OFFICIALS DETAILING VIOLATION OF GHANA LAW, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AND CERTIFIED COPIES OF APPLICABLE GHANA LAW. ALL SUCH EVIDENCE MUST BE EXEMPLIFIED USING PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN 7 FAM 834.

4. USFWS STRESSES IT DOES NOT EXPECT AMEMBASSY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER, BUT ONLY REQUEST THAT INQUIRY BE MADE OF APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIAL AND USFWS ASSISTANCE BE FORWARDED TO THAT OFFICIAL. IF APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIAL IS WILLING TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE NEEDED BY USFWS THEN AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD EXEMPLIFIED DOCUMENTS.

5. PLEASE PASS REPLY TO T. L. STREIGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D. C. KISSINGER

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